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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



In re Application of:

RICHARD T. SMITH, ET AL.

Appln. No.: 09/970,913

Filed: October 5, 2001

For: HIGH-SPEED, LOW-
TEMPERATURE STERILIZATION
AND SANITIZATION APPARATUS
AND METHOD

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Examiner: Unassigned

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Group Art Unit: 1744

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February 11, 2002
(Monday)

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION - FILING DATE GRANTED mailed November 9, 2001, for one month, from January 9, 2002 to February 9, 2002.

Submitted herewith is a check for \$110.00 to cover the fee for the extension under 37 CFR 1.17. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this Petition is enclosed for that purpose.

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Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,


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